

LTC Shawn M. Bault received his commission in the Field Artillery from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1999. His first assignment was in the 82nd Airborne Division with Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, serving as a Troop Fire Support Officer. LTC Bault was then assigned to Alpha Company, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment as a Company Fire Support Officer. Next, he was assigned to Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment as a Battery Fire Direction Officer and Executive Officer. Following the terrorist attacks of 9-11, LTC Bault served as the 120mm Mortar Platoon Leader for Task Force 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom I in Afghanistan. After returning from Afghanistan in December 2002, he deployed again in August 2003, serving as the Battalion Fire Direction Officer for Task Force 1st Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom I in Iraq.

Upon completion of the Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, LTC Bault remained at Fort Sill and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment from 2004 to 2006. His first position was Assistant S-3 followed by Commander of Bravo Battery, 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment deploying in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07. Upon redeployment, LTC Bault attended graduate school at Texas A&M University followed by a teaching assignment in the Department of Physical Education at the United States Military Academy at West Point from 2008-2010.

After attending the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and graduating from the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS), LTC Bault was assigned to the 1st Armored Division at Fort Bliss, Texas. Initially, he served as the lead planner in Division G5 Plans, responsible for the establishment of Central Command Forward – Jordan in 2012 in support of Operation Spartan Shield. Next, he was assigned to 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, where he served as the Battalion S3 for 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment, deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XIV. While deployed, LTC Bault was reassigned to Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa, serving as the lead Somalia planner in the CJ5 Plans for 13 months in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XIV.

Following Africa, LTC Bault was reassigned to the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas, and served as the G35 Future Operations Chief, G3 Chief of Operations, and G5 Chief of Plans while there. Most recently, he deployed with the Division to Iraq and served as the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command – Operation Inherent Resolve Deputy J5, Director of the Commander's Initiative Group, and Executive Officer to the Commanding General.

LTC Bault's military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Field Artillery Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, School of Advanced Military Studies, Joint Firepower Control Course, Air Assault School, Airborne School, and Advanced Airborne School. His civilian education includes a bachelor's degree in history from the United States Military Academy and a master's degree in kinesiology from Texas A&M University. His decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (1 OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4 OLC), Air Assault Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and the Combat Action Badge.